



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DATE: June 29, 2022

TO: Board of Directors
Kensington Fire Protection District

RE: **Agenda Item 5g – Addendum to prior Report**
Proposal for a Joint Public Meeting with the KPPCSD Board, the Police Chief, and the Fire Chief to Present the Legal Regulations and Space Requirements for the PSB Renovation, and the Resulting Needs of the Police Department and Fire Department

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Hansell, General Manager

Recommended Action

Provide the General Manager with direction on the scope, format, and goals of a proposed joint public meeting.

Background

Addendum Information Since 06/08/2022 - Per the direction of the KFPD board in its 06/08/2022 meeting, a conference with four residents, David Fike, Lynn Price, Pat Gillette, and Rob Firmin, was held on 06/21/2022 at the PSB to discuss a public forum focused on the PSB seismic renovation and related projects. The KFPD GM, KPPCSD GM, Fire Chief, and Police Chief attended. KPPCSD VP Mike Logan and KFPD VP Padian also joined the meeting to observe the discussion.

The meeting lasted for 2-1/2 hours and covered the status of the project as well as the concerns of the residents, with various questions asked on the scope and schedule of the work, and the occupancy and code issues contributing to the current design. The discussion also included questions/concerns on the options for the Police Department locations. Due to the lengthy review on those topics, the group did not discuss details for the public forum itself, although general opinions were covered. The attached follow-up was emailed on 06/24/2022 to all the parties to verify what was agreed to in the meeting. Please note the itemized list.

The suggested next step was to “*work on a draft proposal for the public forum, including the proposed date, location, participants, etc.*” It was also suggested that the group review the two prior public forums, in 2019 and 2021, to review how they were organized and to see what worked and what needs to be revised. When responses to the email are received (none have been sent to date), the two GM’s can present options to both boards.

Connecting regarding Joint KPPCSD-KFPD Public Meeting

From: **Bill Hansell** <bhansell@kensingtonfire.org>

Date: Fri, Jun 24, 2022 at 4:10 PM

Subject: Re: Connecting regarding Joint KPPCSD-KFPD Public Meeting

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Thank you all for your patience with regards to the draft meeting language. I've been juggling a number of scheduling issues for the seismic renovation procedures and those had to be handled first. If you haven't already seen it, attached is the general notice I just posted outlining the critical path dates for the seismic work to commence (with all the caveats previously stated.) Review of this schedule will be on the agenda for the 6/29 Special Board Mtg at 6PM, along with a presentation by the financial advisors and the bond attorney on the process for the loan and how the loan proposals were acquired (for example, the terms of locking in the rate.) The action on the loan will be on 7/13 but the item next week is just to explain what will be needed if the loan is accepted. The third item on the Special Meeting agenda will be to review the temporary facility bids and approve of the low bidder. The Special Meeting agenda will be posted over the weekend.

After the Special Meeting, the board will pick up the continued Regular Meeting around 7PM to finish the discussion on the joint public meeting. I do not have a separate draft of my report yet, but here is a list of where we ended up, I believe:

1. *KFPD and KPPCSD staff met on 6/21/2022 for 2-1/2 hrs at the PSB with community members to discuss the need for a joint board meeting focused on the PSB and related facility questions. Attendees were: David Fike, Lynn Price, Pat Gillette, Rob Firmin, Tony Constantouros, Police Chief Gancasz, Fire Chief Catrejon, GM Tony Constantouros, GM Bill Hansell, Director Mike Logan, Director Kevin Padian.*
2. *All parties agreed that it would be helpful to arrange a joint board meeting in a public forum setting to discuss the PSB renovation and any associated proposed additional space for the agencies.*
3. *There was a strong sentiment that the meeting should be in-person with hybrid capabilities for online participation.*
4. *All parties agreed that the PSB seismic work is necessary, but had differing opinions on the allocation of space.*
5. *The KFPD GM explained that there is a pending deadline to accept construction bids and the bank loan interest rate by 7/13/2022, or the project may not meet the financial capabilities of the district.*
6. *The KFPD GM explained that the seismic work, and the associated code upgrades, constitute the majority of the building cost, while the allocation of space is constrained but still discretionary even far into the initial construction schedule.*
7. *All parties agreed that the KPPCSD board needs to clarify the options that are still on the table for consideration to house the Police Department and KPPCSD admin staff.*
8. *Given the above, all parties agreed that it is not possible to have the public forum prior to the 7/13/2022 KFPD Board Meeting or the 7/14/2022 KPPCSD Board Meeting.*
9. *All parties agreed to work on a draft proposal for the public forum, including the proposed date, location, format, participants, etc.*

In reviewing the above, I feel we can either take suggestions via email for the items in #9 and/or can meet again to discuss them. No matter which way you would like to proceed, I ask that you please listen to the prior meetings as

a matter of "homework" because everyone in this group should review how those meetings were conducted and all the questions that were previously addressed. It's fine to revisit them all again but I think the leaders should be aware of the prior data and details. At the very least, it's helpful to see what worked and what didn't in those forums.

The audio of the 11/16/2022 meeting is at: <https://www.kensingtonfire.org/files/5226e00ea/20191116+KFPD+Special+BoD+Mtg+at+Arlington+Community+Church.mp3>

The video of the 03/25/2022 meeting is at: <https://www.kensingtonfire.org/files/50db7e14c/KFPD+%26+KPPCSD+Joint+Meeting+3+25+21+Zoom+Video.mp4>

I look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Regards,
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